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PARIS FOR KRAMISH (PLS PASS BRONEZ)

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO
BE PROPOSED BY USDEL (BRONEZ) AT STEERING GROUP MEETING
FEB 10-12.

BEGIN TEXT

THE USE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES OFFERS A POTENTIALLY
VALUABLE MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF CONGESTION,
POLLUTED AIR AND RISING FUEL COSTS. WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF
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NEW URBAN TRANSIT FACILITIES IS FREQUENTLY AN APPROPRIATE

SOLUTION TO THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS OF A PARTICULAR CITY,
IT IS BY NO MEANS THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE. GREAT BENEFITS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BETTER
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF EXISTING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

THE GOAL SHOULD BE NOT JUST TO MAXIMIZE THE FLOW OF VEHICLES
BUT TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY IN THE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND
GOODS BY PROVIDING SPEEDIER MOVEMENT FOR TRANSIT AND OTHER
MULTI-OCCUPANT VEHICLES. (PARA.)

LIMITATION OF AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC MUST BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT
OF A POLICY DECISION WHERE THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO USE
THE PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS. THIS CONFLICT CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED BY EACH
COUNTRY THROUGH ITS OWN POLITICAL PROCESS. ALL COUNTRIES,
HOWEVER, SHOULD GIVE THIS QUESTION VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.
(PARA.)

ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR
RESEARCH, A VARIETY OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING
METHODS FOR GIVING TRAFFIC PRIORITY TO BUSES, CARPOOLS AND OTHER
MULTI-OCCUPANT VEHICLES, ARE NOW WELL UNDERSTOOD. WHAT IS
NEEDED FROM HERE ON IS GREATER EMPHASIS ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF THESE TECHNIQUES.

END TEXT.

2. BRONEZ SHOULD DOWNPLAY US PAPER ON ROCHESTER, AS
PREPARATION HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED BY ROCHESTER OFFICIALS.
ORSKI WILL MAKE PRESENTATION COMBINING OVERVIEW OF US
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CARPOOLING.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON FILMS AND POSSIBLE HERRINGER
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